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SUBJECT:SPECIAL UNGA SESSION: CONVERSATION WITH MINISTER

PETKOVIC

1. YUGOSLAV MINISTER PETKOVIC ASKED DEPASST SEC. BLAKE FOR RUN-DOWN ON US POSITION FOR SPECIAL UNGA, NOTING THAT AGENDA FOR SPECIAL SESSION WOULD BE MAJOR TOPIC AT MEETING OF COORDINATING COMMITTEE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN ALGERIA MARCH 19. BLAKE SAID US RECOGNIZES THE SPECIAL SESSION IS ALGERIAN AND NON-ALIGNED INITIATIVE AND THAT NON-ALIGNED PLAN ASSUME LEADERSHIP IN SPECIAL GA. THUS DEPT IS AWAITING RESULTS OF ALGIERS CONFERENCE WITH SOME INTEREST. FOR MOMENT, WE PRINCIPALLY CONCERNED WITH TECHNICAL PREPARATIONS FOR CONFERENCE. PRINCIPAL POSITIVE RESULT WE CAN PRESENTLY FORESEE COMING FROM SESSION IS BETTER UNDERSTANDING BY ALL COUNTRIES, DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING ALIKE, OF
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OUR COMMON PROBLEMS RE SCARCE RESOURCES. WE BELIEVE

CONFERENCE WILL PROVIDE USEFUL FORUM FOR EXPRESSION OF VIEWS ON THIS SUBJECT BY ALL COUNTRIES. THESE DISCUSSIONS WILL TEND TO BE GENERAL WITH MORE TECHNICAL AND MORE DETAILED DISCUSSIONS HAVING TO TAKE PLACE LATER IN OTHER ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE, C-20 FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS, ETC. WE OPPOSE SETTING UP OF ANY ADDITIONAL MACHINERY BY SPECIAL GA.

2. PETKOVIC SAID YUGOSLAVIA AGREED THAT SPECIAL GA SHOULD NOT SET UP ADDITIONAL MACHINERY. HE ALSO EMPHASIZED

YUGOSLAV VIEW THAT CONFRONTATIONS SHOULD BE AVOIDED BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES OR BETWEEN PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS OF PARTICULAR COMMODITIES, PARTICULARLY PETROLEUM. SPECIAL GA MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO DEGENERATE INTO NEW "COLD WAR" BETWEEN "HAVES" AND "HAVE NOTS".

3. PETKOVIC NOTED THAT NON-ALIGNED HOPE THAT ALL COUNTRIES WILL BE REPRESENTED AT SPECIAL SESSION AT LEAST AT FOREIGN MINISTER LEVEL AND ASKED IF SECRETARY KISSINGER WOULD BE PRESENT. BLAKE SAID THAT IN VIEW OF SECRETARY'S HEAVY TRAVEL SCHEDULE, WE KNOW OF NO PLANS FOR SECRETARY TO ATTEND SPECIAL SESSION. PETKOVIC SAID YUGOSLAVIA DESIRES CONTINUED EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH US ON SPECIAL SESSION AND HE WOULD AGAIN SEEK DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS AFTER ALGERIA'S MEETING. KISSINGER

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